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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF JACK L. GOSNELL, FSO-6

1. DR. JACK GOSNELL, FSO-6, WHOSE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AS A CHEMIST HAS BEEN INVALUABLE TO OUR EFFORTS TO UNDERSTAND AND THUS DEVISE NEW WAYS TO COMBAT HEROIN PRODUCTION IN FRANCE, DEVOTES OVER 80 PERCENT OF HIS TIME TO EMBASSY NARCOTICS PROGRAM. HE IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR TRANSFER AUGUST 1973.

2. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL TECHNICAL PROJECTS FOR DETECTION OF CLANDESTINE HEROIN LABS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY IN FRANCE WHICH ARE DEPENDENT UPON CONTINUED EMBASSY EXPERT SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS EARLIEST (A) NAMING OF A SUITABLE SCIENTIFICALLY- TRAINED REPLACEMENT WITH SUFFICIENT TIME OVERLAP FOR TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES OR, PREFERABLY, (B) EXTENSION OF DR. GOSNELL' S APPOINTMENT TO SEPTEMBER 1974.

3. ADEQUATE REPLACEMENT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THOROUGH BACKGROUND IN CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL SCIENCES OR ENGINEERING AND IMMEDIATELY USABLE GOOD WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH.

4. IN EMBASSY' S JUDGMENT EXTENSION PREFERABLE TO EVEN AN ADEQUATE REPLACEMENT BECAUSE LOSS OF DETECTION PROBLEM EXPERTISE AND OF KNOWLEDGE OF TECHNICAL PROGRAMS PRESENTLY IN PROCESS OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT COULD LEAD TO SERIOUS CLANDESTINE LABORATORY- DETECTION PROGRAM SLIPPAGE.

5. TWO ASPECTS OF THIS UNUSUAL ASSIGNMENT PROVIDE EXCEPTIONALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOOD FS TRAINING FOR GOSNELL: (1) EXPERIENCE GAINED BY WORKING-
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